

20 1902

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

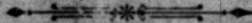
—OF THE—

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Midway Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Miss.

September 4, 5, 6, 7, 1885.



Admission
OFFICERS:

J. P. THOMPSON.....	Moderator.
J. A. COX.....	Clerk.
J. H. PRYOR.....	Treasurer.



BAPTIST RECORD BOOK PRINT,
CLINTON, MISS.,
1885

20 1902

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

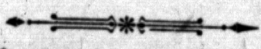
ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Midway Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Miss.

September 4, 5, 6, 7, 1885.

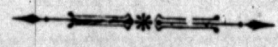
J. Amos Bingham
Book



OFFICERS:

J. P. THOMPSON.....	Moderator.
J. A. COX.....	Clerk.
J. H. PRYOR.....	Treasurer.

John Lee



BAPTIST RECORD BOOK PRINT,
CLINTON, MISS.,
1885.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

First Baptist Church, Camden, N. J.

September 4, 5, 6, 7, 1888

ORDER

1. The Session opened with prayer by the pastor.
2. The reading of the minutes of the last session.
3. The report of the pastor.

—

SAINTS RECORD BOOK

CLARENCE

1888

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1885.

The Zion Baptist Association convened in its fiftieth annual session with the church at Midway, Calhoun County, Mississippi.

At 11 o'clock the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Thompson, from II Cor. 6:1. Theme—Work for Jesus.

After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the delegates assembled.

The Moderator read the 33d Psalm, the hymn commencing "My soul be on thy guard," was sung and T. N. Lusk led in prayer.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who made some touching and appropriate remarks upon this the semi-centennial meeting of this body.

The annual letters were presented and read by Brethren T. N. Ross, J. H. Pryor and G. W. Dudley. Thirty churches represented.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the old officers re-elected by acclamation.

On call for petitionary letters, Union Grove, Ellena, Oktibbeha County, was received and her delegates welcomed to seats with us.

On call for corresponding messengers, Brethren L. Hall, of the Aberdeen Association; L. W. Preddy, J. L. Johnson, J. M. Harrelson, T. J. Kellum and David Neal, of the Cal-

houn Association, and L. Ball, State Evangelist, were received and invited to seats with us.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Aberdeen—S. M. Cole, A. B. Hicks.

Columbus—J. F. Mitchell, T. H. Middleton, W. M. Curry, E. L. Middleton, J. A. Cox.

Calhoun—J. D. McGarity, T. N. Lusk, A. B. Hicks, T. H. Wilson, J. A. Cox, D. C. Lee, W. M. Martin.

Louisville—A. Bruns, W. A. Hurt, E. M. Hurt.

Kosciusko—J. P. Thompson, A. Bruns, T. N. Lusk.

Yallobusha—J. P. Thompson, D. C. Lee, J. H. Pryor, T. N. Lusk, J. H. Freeman, T. H. Wilson,

Yazoo—A. Bruns.

State Convention—T. H. Wilson, J. H. Freeman, T. N. Lusk, A. B. Hicks, J. P. Thompson, J. F. Mitchell, J. A. Cox.

Brethren A. Bruns, J. H. Pryor and W. M. Curry, with the pastor and deacons of Midway church, were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE.

To preach—Friday night at Midway, L. W. Preddy; at Atlanta, J. P. Thompson; at Cox's Schoolhouse, A. B. Hicks.

Saturday, at 11 o'clock, T. N. Lusk.

Saturday night at Midway, W. H. Thompson.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, L. Ball; at 2 o'clock, A. B. Hicks.

Sunday night at Midway, T. H. Wilson.

The Association adjourned, to meet Saturday at 9 o'clock A. M.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—J. Q. Durham.

Bethel—Charles Denton.

Bethany—T. H. Wilson, J. H. Pryor.

Bluff Springs—W. C. Love, Wm. Oswalt, L. B. Black.

Cross Roads—J. R. Wofford, J. H. Griffin, J. T. Griffin.

Chestnut Springs—W. H. Taylor.

County Line—T. H. Middleton, W. A. Whittaker, N. G. McGuire.

Concord—R. G. Hanie, J. R. Shaw, J. R. Golding.

Double Springs—W. S. Middleton, Sam Wells, L. J. Taylor.

Fellowship—A. B. Hicks, James Wilson.

Hebron—J. W. Skelton, W. T. McQuary.

Midway—M. K. Gilder, E. Inman, Joseph Moore.

Mulberry—T. N. Lusk, W. H. Thompson, Ed. Aldridge.

Mt. Pleasant—S. G. Hunter, D. H. Cole, J. A. Glasson.

Mt. Zion—C. S. Clark.

New Liberty—J. M. Patrige, G. M. Lishman.

Philadelphia—W. A. Moore.

Pleasant Grove (C)—A. C. Ball, J. Ellerson, G. W. Naron.

Pleasant Grove (G)—D. C. Lee.

Pleasant Grove (M)—J. P. Thompson, A. Bruns, Marion Turner.

Providence—W. M. Smith, H. G. Anderson, J. A. Cox.

Pleasant Hill—Walter Mooreland.

Shiloh—D. A. Pittman.

Spring Hill—Eli Hardin, A. Ellerson.

Spring Valley—J. M. Melton.

Spring Creek—J. T. Dennie, W. E. Earnest.

Union Grove—W. P. Williams, T. G. Deloach, J. P. Simpson.

Union—E. G. Shepard.

Wakeforest—J. F. Mitchell, J. N. Johnson.

Walthall—G. W. Dudley.

COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—T. H. Wilson, J. H. Freeman.

Home and State Missions—G. W. Dudley, J. D. McGarity.

Ministerial Education—T. N. Lusk, J. F. Mitchell.

Sabbath-schools—J. H. Pryor, J. L. Arnold.

Periodicals—A. B. Hicks, T. H. Middleton.

Church Letters—W. S. Middleton, Wm. Moore.

Finance—S. G. Hunter, G. W. Naron, T. N. Ross.

Nominations—James Patrige, W. H. Thomson, J. Ellerson.

Prohibition—G. W. Howard, W. N. Hurt.

SECOND DAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Called to order by the Moderator, who opened the day's session by an old fashioned prayer meeting; brethren Wofford, McGarity, Willie Thompson and L. Hall leading in prayer. This was a precious hour to many of us.

Report of Treasurer received, and, on motion, referred to Finance Committee.

The report on Foreign Missions was received, and after being ably discussed by T. H. Wilson, J. P. Thompson, J. L. Arnold and L. Hall, was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report on Home and State Missions received, and after discussion by J. D. McGarity and L. Ball was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report on Prohibition was received and after eloquent speeches by A. B. Hicks, J. P. Thompson, L. Ball, A. Bruns and J. L. Arnold, was adopted with much enthusiasm by a rising vote. (See Appendix.)

The report on Ministerial Education was received, and after some discussion was, on motion, recommitted and the Committee requested to bring in another report.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

Assembled by singing. Prayer by Moderator.

The Committee on Ministerial Education having prepared another report presented the same, which was received.

G. W. Dudley offered an amendment, which, after discussion, was adopted, then the report was discussed by T. N. Lusk and T. H. Wilson and adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the Association now joined A. B. Hicks in special prayer for the cause of Ministerial Education.

The report on Sabbath-schools was received, discussed by A. B. Hicks and L. Ball and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Association now proceeded to select place of next meeting. Bethel and Shiloh were placed in nomination. The election resulted in favor of Shiloh.

T. H. Wilson moved that the Association now take steps to place itself in line with the State Convention in all its work.

Pending the discussion, a motion to adjourn until 8 o'clock Monday morning, prevailed.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 11 o'clock L. Ball preached to a large and attentive audience from 1st John 1:7, Theme—"Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."

At 2 o'clock A. B. Hicks preached from 1st Cor. 3:25, Theme—"God's promises to his people."

At night T. H. Wilson preached from Rev. 6:2, Theme—"Conquering power of the gospel."

THIRD DAY.

The Association opened by singing, with prayers by J. D. McGarity and A. C. Ball.

Report on Church Letters received and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: T. H. Wilson to preach the introductory sermon, and S. M. Cole alternate.

J. M. PATRIGE, Chm'n.

Report on Publications received, and after discussion by J. A. Cox, L. Ball, T. H. Wilson, J. H. Freeman, was adopted.

The motion to place this Association in line with the State Convention in all of its work, prevailed, and in furtherance of this action the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Baptist State Convention of Mississippi has consolidated the benevolent work of the State under one Board, and

WHEREAS, Said Board has pro rated specified amounts to each Association, and the following amounts having been pro rated to this Association—namely—for State Missions, \$500; for Foreign Missions, \$250; for the College and Ministerial Education, \$250; for Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, \$75; for Sustentation \$25,

Resolved, That we accept the same and undertake to raise the respective amounts by quarterly collections.

Resolved, That a committee judiciously selected be raised to pro rate said amounts to the churches of this Association, with an earnest request that each will make a vigorous effort to raise the same.

Committee appointed under foregoing—T. H. Wilson, J. W. Skelton, T. N. Ross, Ed. Hardin, A. Bruns, D. C. Lee, and S. M. Cole.

Report of Finance Committee received and adopted.

The following adopted :

Resolved, That the churches be requested to forward receipts for all monies contributed by them to the Treasurer of this Association.

On motion, a committee consisting of T. H. Wilson, J. T. Pryor, Joseph Fox and James Denton, was appointed, whose duty shall be to superintend the education of our young ministers.

The Committee to pro rate reported as follows :

Antioch, \$15 75.	Bethel, \$84 00.
Bethany, \$100 00	Bluff Springs, \$34 00
Concord, \$12 50	Cross Roads, \$36 40
County Line, \$26 00	Chestnut Springs, \$18 20
Double Springs, \$11 75	Fellowship, \$45 00
Greensboro, \$33 00	Hebron, \$24 00
Midway, \$70 00	Milligan Springs, \$24 50
Montpelier, \$22 25	Mulberry, \$47 00
Mt. Pleasant, \$7 00	Mt. Zion, \$19 00
Mt. Vernon, \$17 00	New Liberty, \$41 00
Philadelphia, \$56 80	Pleasant Grove, (C) \$180 00
Pleasant Grove, (G) \$20 00	Pleasant Grove, (M) \$41 00
Providence, \$13 50	Pleasant Hill, \$22 50
Shiloh, \$41 00	Spring Hill, \$50 00
Spring Valley, \$15 50	Spring Creek, \$11 50
Union, \$10 00	Union Grove, \$3 00
Wakeforest, \$18 00	Walthall \$20 00

Resolutions adopted :

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of this vicinity for their lavish hospitality extended to us during our session.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

After singing, giving the parting hand and prayer by L. Ball, the Association adjourned to meet with Shiloh church, Montgomery county, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, A. D., 1886.

J. P. THOMPSON, Moderator.

J. A. COX, Clerk.

APPENDICES

—:0:—

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows :

We have received the following sums, to-wit:

For Minutes.....	\$49 50
“ Foreign Missions.....	27 00
“ State “.....	5 60
“ Home “.....	4 35
Cash collection on Sunday, State Missions.....	8 80

We have examined the Treasurer's report for the last Associational year and find the same correct, and recommend that it be published in the Minutes.

The churches sent up during the last year the following amounts :

State Missions.....	\$184 85
Foreign “.....	63 35
Home “.....	10 20
Mississippi College.....	80 40

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. HUNTER,

G. W. NARON,

T. N. ROSS,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. Pryor, Treasurer, in account with Zion Association.

1884

DR.

September 8th, Rec'd of Finance Committee for Foreign Missions.....	
“ Rec'd of Finance Committee for State Missions.....	
November 3d, Rec'd of Bethany church for Mississippi College.....	\$20 00

April 19th, 1885,	Rec'd of Philadelphia church for Foreign Missions.....	11 55
April 1st, "	Rec'd from Old Bethany Sunday-school for Foreign Missions.....	2 55
June 8th, "	Rec'd Bethany church for State Missions and College.....	60 60
July 1st, "	Rec'd of L. M. Society, of Bethany church, for State Missions.....	3 00
" "	Rec'd of Bethany for State Miss'n....	27 00
" "	Rec'd Old Bethany Sunday-school...	3 00
July 15th "	Rec'd of Philadelphia and Hebron churches.....	7 80

1884.

CR.

September 8th,	Paid to———	for Foreign Missions...	
	Paid to———	for State Missions.....	
November 3d,	Paid W. S. Webb, for College.....		\$20 00
April 1st, 1885,	Paid B. H. Whitfield Foreign Miss'n....		2 55
April 23, "	" "	" "	11 55
June 15th "	" "	L. Ball.....	60 60
July 25th, "	" "	G. W. Leavell.....	3 00
July 14th, "	" "	L. Ball.....	37 80

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report :

That, as far as our knowledge extends, the Foreign Mission work is being carried on in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa and China. While these countries are slowly receiving christianity, the vast majority have never yet heard of the glad tidings of salvation, nor the precious truth of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The work among these foregoing nations is a great work, requiring a great army of missionaries to reach even a small portion of the population of these different nations; and to sustain these missionaries necessitates a great expense.

It is the desire and aim of the Foreign Mission Board to raise one hundred thousand dollars for this purpose during the conventional year. Of this amount, Mississippi is expected to raise ten or twelve thousand dollars, which is its pro rata, according to the number of Baptist in the State. This amount may seem large to some, but if each member of the sixty thousand Baptists of our State would give twenty-five cents it would more than raise the amount asked of us. Therefore,

Resolved, That we delegates bring this matter before our churches at the November meeting and endeavor to raise, at least, this small amount per member.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. WILSON.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

As Baptists, and especially as Missionary Baptists, it becomes, in a high degree, our duty to contribute liberally to these grand enterprises. It gratifies us to be able to say that much has been done within the bounds of our Association in the matter of raising funds, as compared with preceding years; but our people will be able and we believe willing, to do still more the coming year. The success attending the efforts of our missionaries has been such as to inspire the hearts of all Baptists with gratitude, and encourage them to still greater liberality. We submit the following:

Resolved, That each church in our Association be and is hereby requested, to make additional contributions for the coming Associational year, as the needs of the work are still great.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. MCGARITY,
G. W. DUDLEY,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath-schools, submit the following:

Next in importance to preaching the Gospel is work in the Sabbath-school. First, because it furnishes a great field for Christian labor. A field in which all can work. Second, it develops the membership. Third, it brings the young under the immediate influence of religious training. Fourth, because its chief object is the salvation of the children.

The teachers of a Sabbath-school should be Christian men and women. The superintendent a live, active, Christian, man. Dear brethren, let our motto be a good Sabbath-school in every church and in every neighborhood. Let us gather the children in, every Sabbath, and teach them as best we can the great truths of God's Holy word, and pray God to bless our efforts in the salvation of our children.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. PRYOR,
J. L. ARNOLD,
Committee.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We, your committee on Prohibition take pleasure in reporting this cause in a progressive condition. Since our last annual meeting the growth of the temperance sentiment has been wonderful and rapid. Like a great tidal wave, it is sweeping over our common country, carrying peace, prosperity, and happiness wherever its benign influence is felt. It is no longer a question of expediency. Maine, Iowa, Georgia, and other States, send greeting, assuring us of its wholesome effects. It is simply a question of right and wrong, and as such no Christian man should hesitate as to his duty. If the liquor traffic is an evil, as is admitted by all, no amount of revenue, however great, can make it morally right. It bids defiance to Christianity and morality, and is, beyond question, "God's worst enemy, and the devil's best friend." As such, our ministers and laymen should fight it boldly and unflinchingly. Let it be "war to the knife, and knife to the hilt," fighting always "for God, for home, and for native land."

Your committee regards the outlook for the glorious cause of Prohibition as exceedingly promising, and we believe the near future will find a majority of the counties of our State enjoying Prohibition and total abstinence under a general "local option" law, which we hope will be given us by our next Legislature.

Your committee also note with pleasure and gratitude to God "from whom all blessings flow," that there is not a licensed saloon within the boundary of the Zion Association, and we recommend that our membership be diligent in seeing that all prohibitory enactments are rigidly enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HOWARD,

W. N. HURT,

Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Dear brethren: Shall we argue the need of an educated ministry? Shall we come time and again pleading in behalf of the young ministers of our Association? Your committee do not think this body ignorant of the demands upon us.

We have brethren in our midst who have not called upon us for help and who, we believe, will not beg us for help.

We do not like to see a young minister whining because his people do not help him, but, dear brethren, why, oh, why, do not our people come to the front and assist the young

men who are toiling through the burning heat of Summer and the chilling winds of Winter to obtain an education, so that they may preach to you and your children. We beseech you, brethren, that you withhold not in this way the gospel from your own dear ones. We want no lengthy report, but we do want the brethren to do something. The demands are upon us. Shall we shirk our plain duty? If we are going to be anti-missionaries give us the name and not let us be sailing under false colors.

Brethren, we do beg that every pastor make an honest effort to obtain at least five cents from each member of his churches to assist our young ministers in obtaining an education. We recommend Clinton College as being a school where an effort is made for spiritual as well as intellectual development.

We think all that can do so, should attend the Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. LUSK.

The following resolution was adopted as an amendment to the foregoing report :

Resolved, That we, the ministers and delegates composing this Association, pledge ourselves to use our influence with our respective churches and communities during the month of October for the purpose of raising money to assist in defraying the expenses of our young brethren W. H. Thompson and A. C. Ball in preparing for the ministry.—G. W. DUDLEY.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We commend, first of all, the reading of the Bible, for it is the book of God and an infallible guide into all truth. We commend the Bible department of the American Baptist Publication Society. There are many good periodicals worthy of our patronage, but we commend first of all, and as of greatest importance to Mississippi Baptist, the Baptist Record. It is our State organ and the paper of our Convention, and our paper, of which every Mississippi Baptist should be proud. We commend, therefore, that every pastor in this Association lay the claims of the Record before his churches and use every honorable means to increase its circulation among our people. We believe by so doing that our mission work will be greatly aided, our College supported,

and our State work greatly benefited and our people brought into sympathy and co-operation with the forward movement of the day in every good word and work.

We also commend the Tennessee Baptist as a sound paper and a bold exponent of the truth. We commend, also, the Foreign Mission Journal, which gives information of the work in foreign fields. And Kind Words, for children and for our Sunday-school paper.

We take great pleasure in commending the Sword and Shield, published by R. D. Gambrell, and devoted to the great cause of Temperance. We insist that our people take and read the Sword and Shield, and specially the young men of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HICKS,
T. H. MIDDLETON.
Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Antioch: We have just closed our protracted meeting, during which time the Word was faithfully preached, and trust that it will be as bread cast on the water, to be gathered many days hence; trust the church is greatly revived.

Bluff Springs: We are in a cold condition. Pray for us, brethren.

Concord: Pray for us and a revival of religion in and around Concord church, for it is greatly needed.

Double Springs: Have just closed a meeting of some days and nights, and we can gladly say that we had the spirit of the Master with us, for there were sinners convicted and mourners converted. Numbers added to the church.

Fellowship: No report.

Hebron: Are not enjoying religion as we desire. Pray for us.

Midway: Held a protracted meeting in July. Received only one, yet there seemed to be quite an interest manifested by many.

Mt. Zion: Have just closed a protracted meeting and we hope there was much good accomplished.

Pleasant Grove, Chickasaw: The spiritual condition of our church is not so good as we desire it should be.

Pleasant Grove, Montgomery: Have just closed a protracted meeting of several days, in which there was much good done.

- Spring Valley : Are at peace one with another.
 Spring Hill : Are in trouble, and desire the prayers of all Christians.
 Shiloh : Are at peace among ourselves.
 Walthall : Are at peace, but in a lukewarm condition.
 Pleasant Grove, Grenada : Have no pastor. Our church is in rather a cold state.
 Wakeforest : Our church is in a cold state, but we are at peace.
 Providence : Have just closed a glorious revival.
 Philadelphia : Condition of our church good.
 Cross Roads : Have closed a good meeting and reasons to believe that much good has been done.
 Mulberry : Had quite an interesting meeting at our August term, in which the church was greatly revived. Have a good Sunday-school.
 Mt. Pleasant : Are at peace.
 New Liberty : Have just closed a good meeting and feel that the Lord has blessed us.
 County Line : Our church is in good condition.
 Spring Creek : At peace at present.
 No report as to the condition of the other churches.
- Respectfully submitted,
 W. S. MIDDLETON,
 W. N. MOORE,
 Committee.

REPORT OF EASTERN DISTRICT.

The Eastern District met with the church at Spring Valley on the 31st of July, 1st and 2d of August, 1885.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we change the time of meeting of this District from the present to the Friday before the first fifth Sunday of each year.

QUERY.

Is it right for a church member to engage in selling beer, lemonade, or any kind of drink at a church house in time of Sunday-school, singing-school, or any kind of worship?

ESSAYS.

The subjects submitted to Brethren G. W. Dudley, S. M. Cole, Scott Hardin and S. G. Hunter to write on, were con-

[17]

tinued and said brethren requested to write on same for our next meeting.

On motion, Elder A. B. Hicks was requested to write on the subject of Redemption.

Did Adam die a spiritual or a natural death, or both?—J. C. Finnell.

Christ gave the Supper to Christians, why not all Christians commune together?—W. S. Middleton.

Do the first five verses of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians teach that sinners are quickened before they are regenerated?—J. A. Hunter.

In Matthew 21:42, who is the stone, who the builders, who was rejected, who became the head of the corner?—G. W. Howard.

Does Matthew 21:43 teach that the blessings of salvation will be taken from one and given to another?—J. F. Mitchell.

When was the church visible first set up, what were her ordinances and when were they given to her?—T. H. Middleton.

Is faith the gift of God or the act of the creature?—W. T. Gwin.

Should church members chop wood or walk over their farms on the Sabbath?—A. C. Ball.

Is baptism, in any way, essential to salvation?—B. A. Kelly.

Did Christ die for every one, if so, in what sense?—J. L. Ross.

Is the doctrine of election taught in the Bible, if so, what is it?—T. N. Ross.

Elder S. M. Cole was selected to preach next introduce sermon. Elder J. H. Mitchell, alternate.

Adjourned to meet with County Line church on Friday before the first fifth Sunday in 1886.

W. S. MIDDLETON, Moderator.

W. T. GWIN, Clerk.

REPORT OF WESTERN DISTRICT.

Convened with Bluff Springs church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1885. Elder B. Watson elected Moderator and D. W. Bennett, Clerk.

Next meeting to be with Bethany church, on Friday before

the 5th Sunday in August, 1886. T. N. Lusk to preach the introductory sermon, James Therrell, alternate.

Delegates to correspond with Eastern District.—R. Watson, R. H. Bays and James Allen.

Brother E. J. Hardie was requested to have his essay read at this meeting, published in the Baptist Record.

ESSAYS.

Qualifications and duties of deacons.—J. T. Pryor.

What relation does the Sabbath-school bear to the church?—J. H. Freeman.

What influence has vocal music in the development of the church?—J. P. Thompson.

The duties of churches to pastors.—J. H. Pryor.

What per cent of our income should we give for the support and spread of the gospel?—Halley, Fox, L. L. Hammond.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet with Bethany church, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in August, 1886.

B. WATSON, Moderator.

D. W. BENNETT, Clerk.

REPORT OF WESTERN DISTRICT

Convened with Blue Springs church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1886. Elder B. W. Watson, Moderator and D. W. Bennett, Clerk.

[19]

Ordained Ministers.

ALLEN, M. C.....Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
 COLE, S. M.....Atlanta, Chickasaw, county.
 DUKE, G. H.....Walthall, Webster county.
 HARDIN, E. J.....Hopewell, Calhoun county.
 HICKS, A. B.....Bellefountain, Webster county.
 LUSK, T. N.....Lodi, Montgomery county.
 MIDDLETON, T. H.....Cumberland, Webster county.
 MIDDLETON, W. S.....Cumberland, Webster county.
 MITCHELL, J. F.....Monta Vista, Webster county.
 PAXTON, J. S.....Bellefountain, Webster county.
 PUGH, L.....Montpelier, Clay county.
 MCGARITY, J. D.....Ellena, Oktibbeha, county.
 THOMPSON, J. P.....Lodi, Montgomery county.
 WATSON, B.....Walthall, Webster county.
 WILSON, J. L.....Bellefountain, Webster county.
 WILSON, T. H.....Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
 WOFFORD, JAMES.....Cumberland, Webster county.

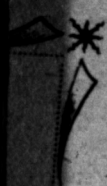
Licentiates.

BALL, A. C.....Atlanta, Chickasaw county.
 EIDSON, J. J.....Bellefountain, Webster county.
 HUNTER, J. A.....Spring Valley, Webster county.
 HOWELL, JOHN.....Atlanta, Chickasaw county.
 THERRELL, JAMES.....Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
 THOMPSON, W. H.....Lodi, Montgomery county.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR.	Days of meet'g.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Idle, by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Minutes.	Missions.	State.	Foreign.	Ministerial Education and College.
Antioch.	Clay.	Pine Bluff.	J. F. Mitchell.	2	8	7	2	8	1	1	45	\$1.75	\$45.00	\$13.75		
Bethel.	Calhoun.	Saltburg.	T. H. Wilson.	2	8	7	2	8	1	1	166	3.00	61.40	23.80		
Bethany.	Calhoun.	State Springs.	T. H. Wilson.	2	8	7	2	8	1	1	196	3.50				
Bluff Springs.	Calhoun.	Walthall.	B. Watson.	2	1	19	4	3	1	1	113	1.50	8.00	2.75		
Cross Roads.	Calhoun.	Cumberland.	B. R. Huxley.	2	1	9	1	1	2	1	91	1.20				
Coast Springs.	Calhoun.	Bentley.	M. C. Allen.	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	32	1.00				
County Lake.	Calhoun.	Sumnerland.	T. H. Middleton.	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	65	1.50				
Concord.	Calhoun.	Walthall.	M. C. Allen.	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	31	1.00				
Double Springs.	Calhoun.	Spring Creek.	W. S. Middleton.	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	47	1.00				
Fallowship.	Calhoun.	Bellevue.	A. B. Hicks.	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	78	2.00	2.50	2.50		
Greensboro.	Calhoun.	Greensboro.		2	1	1	1	1	2	1	83					
Harmony.	Calhoun.	Alva.		2	1	1	1	1	2	1	47					
Hebron.	Calhoun.	Walthall.	T. H. Wilson.	4	1	11	2	1	1	1	81	2.00	2.35			
Midway.	Calhoun.	Atlanta.	S. M. Cole.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	176	2.00	5.45	10.40		
New Liberty.	Calhoun.	Mayfield.	J. P. Thompson.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	2.00	5.50			
Milligan Springs.	Calhoun.	Loell.		4	1	1	1	1	1	1	96					
Montpelier.	Calhoun.	Montpelier.		1	3	3	7	2	3	3	89	1.15	6.00	2.00		
Nulberry.	Calhoun.	Cumberland.	A. H. Boothe.	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	94	1.00	4.35			
Mt. Pleasant.	Calhoun.	Walthall.	T. H. Middleton.	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	36	1.55				
Mt. Zion.	Calhoun.	Greensboro.	B. Watson.	3	6	16	19	7	4	149	2.50	41.25	5.35	17.76		
Pleasant Grove.	Calhoun.	Atlanta.	A. B. Hicks.	1	11	10	8	19	4	169	2.00	1.00				
Pleasant Grove.	Calhoun.	Williamsville.	No pastor.	1	2	4	5	4	4	49	1.25	1.00				
Pleasant Grove.	Calhoun.	Wilson.	J. P. Montgomery.	1	2	4	5	4	4	82	1.00					
Providence.	Calhoun.	Bentley.	S. M. Cole.	3	10	4	4	4	4	64	1.00					
Pleasant Hill.	Calhoun.	State Springs.	C. E. Murphee.	2	6	4	2	4	1	64	1.15	1.05				
Shiloh.	Calhoun.	Loell.	A. B. Hicks.	3	5	1	1	1	1	43	2.25					
Spring Hill.	Calhoun.	Hopewell.	A. B. Hicks.	4	5	3	1	1	1	56	2.25					
Spring Valley.	Calhoun.	Spring Valley.	T. H. Middleton.	2	2	2	2	2	2	136	2.25					
Spring Creek.	Calhoun.	Spring Creek.	J. F. Mitchell.	2	2	2	2	2	2	132	2.50	1.00	1.80			
Union.	Calhoun.	Greensboro.	Allen Percock.	2	2	1	1	1	1	40	1.00					
Wakeforest.	Calhoun.	Cumberland.	J. F. Mitchell.	2	1	1	1	1	1	39	1.00					
Walthall.	Calhoun.	Walthall.	J. P. Thompson.	1	1	1	1	1	1	73	1.25					
Union Grove.	Calhoun.	Oktober.	J. D. McGarity.	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	2.50					

20 1902



57

20 1902

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with the
—SHILOH CHURCH—

SEPTEMBER, 3, & 4, 1886.



—OFFICERS—

JAMES T. PRYOR.....	Moderator.
W. A. HURT.....	Clerk.
J. H. PRYOR.....	Treasurer.



WINONA TIMES PRINT.
1886.

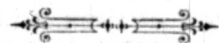
MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,



Held with the

—SHILOH CHURCH—

SEPTEMBER, 3, & 4, 1886.



WINONA TIMES PRINT.

1886.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ALLEN, M. C.....	Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
COLE, S. M.....	Atlanta, Chickasaw county.
DUKE, G. H.....	Walthall, Webster county.
HARDIN, E. J.....	Hopewell, Calhoun county.
HICKS, A. B.....	Bellefountain, Webster county.
LUSK, T. N.....	Lodi, Montgomery county.
MIDDLETON, T. H.....	Cumberland, Webster county.
MIDDLETON, W. S.....	Cumberland, Webster county.
MITCHELL, J. F.....	Cumberland, Webster county.
PAXTON, J. S.....	Bellefountain, Webster county.
PUGH, L.....	Montpelier, Clay county.
MCGARITY, J. D.....	Ellena, Oktibbeha county.
THOMPSON, J. P.....	Lodi, Montgomery county.
WATSON, B.....	Walthall, Webster county.
WILSON, J. L.....	Bellefountain, Webster county.
WILSON, T. H.....	Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
WOFFORD, JAMES.....	Cumberland Webster county.

LICENTIATES.

BALL, A. C.....	Atlanta, Chickasaw county.
EIDSON, J. J.....	Bellefountain, Webster county.
HUNTER, J. A.....	Spring Valley, Webster county.
HOWELL, JOHN.....	Atlanta, Chickasaw county.
THERRELL, JAMES.....	Slate Springs, Calhoun county.
THOMPSON, W. H.....	Lodi, Montgomery county.

MINUTES.

The Zion Baptist Association met in its 51st Session with the Shiloh Church on Friday September 3rd 1886.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. H. Wilson from Nehemiah Chapt. I-6—Theme Prayer and Desire.

After refreshments the Association assembled in the church and the Moderator read a list of the delegates that were present in the organization of the Association and it was ascertained that every one of these had passed to his reward.

The Clerk being absent on motion of A. Bruns, W. A. Hurt was appointed Clerk pro tem.

The following brethren were appointed Reading Clerks: I. P. Trotter, J. H. Pryor, and Rev. T. N. Lusk.

The following Churches were represented:

- Antioch—J. J. Jacks.
- Bethel—James Denton, S. M. Doolittle.
- Bethany—J. T. Pryor, J. H. Pryor.
- Bluff Springs—Ed Watson, J. M. Rogers.
- County Line—J. R. Curry.
- Concord—J. H. Evans, J. R. Shaw.
- Double Springs—Eld. G. H. Duke, J. E. McDade, W. L. Hillhouse.
- Fellowship—Eld. A. B. Hicks, James Wilson.
- Hebron—W. T. McQuary, J. W. Skelton.
- Midway—M. K. Gilder, G. W. Howard.
- Mulberry—Eld. T. N. Lusk, Wm. Thompson, Henry Loggins, J. R. Freeman.
- Mt. Pleasant—S. G. Hunter, J. E. Arnold.
- Mt. Zion—Sim Clark, J. N. Carroll.
- New Liberty—Eld. J. P. Thompson, L. L. Hammond, J. B. Patridge.
- Philadelphia—John Sledge, John King, T. F. Gordon.
- Pleasant Grove, (Chickasaw)—A. C. Ball.
- Pleasant Grove, (Grenada)—A. N. Burns, J. B. Black.
- Pleasant Grove, (Montgomery)—A. Bruns, J. J. Lee, E. Britt.
- Pleasant Hill—J. R. Marter, M. A. Burson.
- Providence—H. G. Anderson.
- Shiloh—J. R. Wood, J. A. Dunn, D. M. Wray.
- Spring Hill—Eli Hardin, J. D. Burson.
- Spring Creek—Letter.

Walthall—W. A. Hays, J. T. Harvey, E. Lovett.

Harmony—R. H. O'Neal.

Milligan Springs—J. S. Eiland, Nathan Sheffield, Luther Phelps.

Mt. Pelier—Letter.

Mt. Vernon—A. B. Strickland.

Greensboro—I. P. Trotter, R. S. Cromet.

Sabongla—F. W. Hammock, J. W. May.

The roll of delegates being completed the Association proceeded to a permanent organization—Bro. Thompson urged the Association to relieve him having served them so long. The rule was suspended and Bro. James Pryor was elected Moderator, on motion of A. Bruns.

On motion of J. P. Thompson W. A. Hurt was elected permanent Secretary.

J. H. Pryor was re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. Thompson vacated the chair with a few well timed remarks.

Bro. Pryor on taking his place spoke in a very feeling manner.

On call for petitionary letters Sabongla presented herself for membership and was received and her delegates welcomed to seats.

On a call for Corresponding Messengers the following brethren presented themselves from their Associations:

Kosciusko—A. H. Booth.

Yalobushia—Bro. A. F. Daniels.

Yazoo—T. J. King, J. D. Kindred.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Aberdeen—S. M. Cole, S. J. Hunter.

Columbus—T. H. Middleton, T. H. Mitchell.

Calhoun—Walter Mooreland, Robert White.

Louisville—A. Bruns, W. A. Hurt, R. E. Hurt.

Kosciusko—J. P. Thompson, A. Bruns, T. N. Lusk.

Yalobushia—J. P. Thompson, D. C. Lee, T. N. Lusk.

Yazoo—S. L. Wray, A. Bruns, W. A. Hurt, T. H. Wilson, J. P. Thompson.

State Convention—T. H. Wilson, J. P. Thompson, J. T. Pryor, F. M. Hammock, T. N. Lusk, A. B. Hicks, James Wilson, M. C. Allen, W. A. Hurt.

Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed as follows:
Deacons of Shiloh Church A. Bruns, James Denton.

The following Committees were appointed:

Foreign Mission—A. B. Hicks, James Denton, A. Ball.

Home and State Mission—Jo Pryor, M. C. Allen, Evan Britt.

Ministerial Education—Bro. G. W. Howard, S. J. Hunter, J. S. Eiland.

Sabbath Schools—T. N. Lusk, J. L. Arnold, W. A. Hays.

Church Letters—A. N. Burns, Sam Doolittle, James Wilson.

Periodical—I. P. Trotter, J. R. Freeman, J. M. Rogers.

Finance—James Skelton, S. G. Hunter, W. A. Hays.

Nominations—J. N. Carroll M. A. Burson, J. R. Shaw.

Prohibition—J. P. Thompson, A. B. Hicks, T. H. Wilson.

Committee on Devotional Exercise made a partial report as follows: That J. P. Thompson preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of J. P. Thompson the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. A. H. Booth.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 91st Psalm, and the congregation united in singing "Nearer my God to Thee."

Renewed call for correspondence, W. J. Rayburn reported from Yalobusha-Oxford Association.

The Treasurer made his report which was referred to the Finance Committee. (Appendix A.)

Report on Home and State Missions was read; and on motion was received and adopted, after able speeches by Arnold, Wilson and Thompson. (Appendix B.)

The following "Try Pledges" were made; viz:

Antioch	\$ 5 00	Bethel.....	\$15 00
Bethany.....	100 00	Bluff Springs.....	5 00
Cross Roads.....	5 00	Chestnut Springs.....	5 00
County Line.....	10 00	Concord.....	5 00
Double Springs.....	2 50	Fellowship.....	10 00
Greensboro.....	5 00	Harmony.....	5 00
Hebron	10 00	Midway	15 00
New Liberty.....	10 00	Mulberry.....	10 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00	Mt. Zion.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon.....	5 00	Philadelphia.....	15 00
Pleasant Grove (C).....	20 00	Pleasant Grove (G)...	15 00
Pleasant Grove (M).....	20 00	Providence.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill	5 00	Shiloh.....	5 00
Spring Hill.....	5 00	Spring Valley.....	5 00

Spring Creek.....	5 00	Walthall.....	10 00
Sabougla	5 00	Milligan Springs.....	5 00

Report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Hicks, Booth and Arnold, and a cash collection of \$10 00 was made.

The report was received and adopted; (Appendix C)

The following "Try Pledges" were made; viz:

Bethel.....	\$ 7 50	Bethany.....	\$ 50 00
Bluff Springs.....	2 50	Cross Roads.....	2 50
Chestnut Springs.....	2 50	County Line.....	5 00
Double Springs.....	1 25	Fellowship.....	10 00
Hebron.....	5 00	Harmony.....	2 50
Midway.....	7 50	New Liberty.....	5 00
Mulberry.....	5 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	2 50
Mt. Zion.....	2 50	Mt. Vernon.....	2 50
Philadelphia.....	7 50	Pleasant Grove (C).....	20 00
Pleasant Grove (G).....	7 50	Pleasant Grove (M).....	10 00
Providence.....	2 50	Shiloh.....	2 50
Spring Hill.....	2 50	Spring Valley.....	2 50
Milligan Spring.....	3 50	Sabougla.....	2 20
Walthall.....	5 00	M. A Bursen.....	2 50

On motion, the Association took a recess for one hour.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev T. N. Lusk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made further report as follows: Bro. Booth to preach at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Bro. Allen to-night and Bro. Gambrell to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. B. Gambrell, Secretary of the State Board, having reached the Association, gave a lecture on Systematic Benevolence.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the various churches of the Association to make quarterly contributions to the Convention Board, in aid of the various missions and other benevolent enterprises.

Report on Periodicals was presented, read and adopted: Appendix (D).

Report on Nominations read and adopted. Appendix (E).

[7]

Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters was read and adopted. Appendix (F).

Walthall was selected as the place of next meeting; which will be on Friday before the first Sabbath in September, 1887.

The Committee on Prohibition made their report which was unanimously adopted. Appendix (G).

Report on Sabbath School was read and adopted. Appendix (H).

Report on Ministerial Education read and adopted. Appendix (I).

On motion of T. J. Lusk, the clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

By Bro Lusk, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of this vicinity for their lavish hospitality extended to us during our session. Unanimously adopted.

Finance Committee submitted their report, which was adopted. (Appendix J).

The Congregation united in singing "I'm nearer my home to-day. Prayer by A. H. Booth, after which the Association adjourned to meet with the Walthall Church on Friday before the first Sabbath in September, 1887.

W. A. HURT, Clerk.

JAMES T. PRYOR, Moderator.



APPENDIX A

TREASURER'S REPORT,**J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer,***In Account with the***Zion Baptist Association.**

DR.

1885.

Sep.	Received of Finance Committee.....	\$45 75
Nov	" " Bethany Church.....	24 00
Dec.	" " " ".....	5 75
"	" " Old Bethany Sunday-school..	2 50
Nov	" " Walthall Church.....	3 00

1886.

March	Received from Fellowship Church.....	\$ 6 00
"	" " Bethany Church.....	44 00
"	" " Pleasant Grove (c).....	23 50
April	" " Fellowship church.....	2 40
June	" " Bethany ".....	20 35
"	" " Hebron ".....	2 75
"	" " Old Bethany Sunday-school	2 40
August	" " Bethany church.....	13 40

Total..... \$ 195 85

DR.

1885

Sept	Paid J. B. Gambrell per L. Ball.....	\$ 45 75
Dec	" H. A. Tupper.....	24 00
"	" W. S. Webb.....	3 00
"	" B. W. Griffith.....	5 75

1886

Jan'y	Paid B. W. Griffith.....	2 50
March	" " " ".....	73 50
April	" " " ".....	2 30
June	" " " ".....	23 00
"	" " " ".....	2 35
Sept	" Finance Committee.....	13 40
"	" For postage during the year.....	24

Total..... \$195 89

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRYOR, Treasurer.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Home and State Missions submit the following:

As Baptists and as Christians it is our indispensable duty to contribute liberally of the means with which God has blessed us to the support of these grand enterprises. We have no means of knowing how much has been contributed by the churches of our Association to the support of our Missionaries during the past year, but are satisfied that more is being done in this direction, especially in the support of State Missions, than in any of our other benevolent enterprises, and yet we feel that we are not discharging our whole duty in this respect. And while great success has attended the efforts of our Missionaries and they have been made the instruments in the hands of God in winning many souls for the Master. Yet the destitution in these fields is great, and while we are neglecting our duty, thousands are perishing for the bread of life.

Dear brethren these things are not as they should be.

Let us therefore contribute more liberally of our means during the coming year to these great objects and let us lay by us in store as the Lord prospers us that we may have to contribute, and let us pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into the vineyard for the Harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRYOR,

M. C. ALLEN,

E. BRITT.

APPENDIX C

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great commission is "Go teach all nations." "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." We are debtors both to the Jews and Greeks, both to the wise and the unwise." So then as much as in us is, we should preach the Gospel to every creature, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. The Gospel field "is the world." Wide as the world is Christ's command, (to preach the Gospel.) Broad as eternity his love, (for sinners.)

Firm as a rock his truth (the Gospel) shall stand. When roll-

ing years shall cease to move." We see from reports from the Foreign Mission Field that the work is progressing finely everywhere, except in China, there it has been hindered by war and persecution, though the out-look is better now. We see also from reports from our Foreign Missionaries that there were 167 baptised in the Foreign fields last year. Brethren, this is a great work accomplished for Christ. Many of the Churches, Associations and States are increasing their contributions for the progress and success of this glorious work, should we not do like-wise. The nations of the earth are open for the reception of the Gospel. The cry is from all parts "come over and help us." Many are receiving the Truth with gladness. And the Gospel is being preached in all the world as a witness to all nations. Shall we not heed the indications of an Alwise God in opening up the way for the Gospel; shall we not hear the cry of the Heathen for help; shall we not join in with our prayers and contributions to give the glorious Gospel of the blessed God to the perishing nations of the earth; God grant that we may. For.

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted,

By wisdom from on high,

Shall we, to men benighted,

The lamp of life deny."

We have in the Foreign Mission work 55 American Missionaries, and some 50 native assistants. There is great need and much room for more laborers brethren. We have the men, and we have the means. We should consecrate them to God for the salvation of the heathen nations of the world.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. HICKS.

JAMES DENTON.

A. C. BALL.

APPENDIX D

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We your Committee on Periodicals submit the following report: We recommend the Baptist Record published in Jackson Miss. It gives weekly information of our denominational movements especially of our work in Mississippi. It is our paper and we heartily recommend it to all baptist. We also mention the For

eign Mission Journal and Kind Words as worthy of claiming our patronage.

Respectfully submitted.

I. P. TROTTER,
J. R. FREEMAN.

APPENDIX E NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: S. M. Cole to preach the Introductory Sermon, and T. N. Lusk Alternate.

J. R. SHAW, Chairman.

APPENDIX F REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

- Bethany*—In good condition.
- Concord*—The condition of this church is very cold.
- County Line*—We desire your prayers.
- Double Springs*—We have closed a meeting of days and are revived.
- Fellowship*—Is at peace with each other.
- Hebron*—We have just closed a meeting and God blessed us.
- Greensboro*—Continue to pray for us that God may still bless us.
- Harmony*—The Lord has blessed us we ask your prayers.
- Midway*—Has had a revival and is much revived.
- Mt. Pleasant*—In a cold condition.
- Milligan Springs*—This church is much revived.
- Mt. Pelier*—The Lord has blessed us.
- Mt. Vernon*—The spiritual condition is not good.
- New Liberty*—We are at peace.
- Philadelphia*—Remember us at a throne of grace.
- Pleasant Grove, (C)*—God has blessed us though yet in trouble.
- Pleasant Grove, (M)*—We are at peace.
- Pleasant Grove, (G)*—God has blessed us.
- Pleasant Hill*—We are much revived.
- Providence*—We are in a cold condition.
- Bluff Springs*—In a cold condition.
- Shiloh*—In a luke warm condition.
- Spring Hill*—This church is greatly revived.
- Spring Creek*—We are at peace.
- Walthall*—Is much revived.

No report as to the condition of the other churches.

A. N. BURNS,
Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

The fearful monster of free and unrestrained whiskey has become familiar to us all; his deeds have not been covered up, he has not lived in a corner, and he still stalks abroad mantled in the garb of hellish deception; practising his fraudulent avocation on every class of society. He has nipped the bud of youthful promise and stamped it under his arrogant feet; he has stolen the bloom of youth, happiness and health from the fair maiden's cheek, and then hissed a hiss of defiance against those who would work a reformation for the objects of his cruel touch. He has walked the thoroughfares of life, making hideous with curses and blaphemies the abode of man; he has dared to step between the youthful hearts of the happy wedded pair, who before the sacred altar had solemnly pledged their mutual love and changed that love into gall: he has arrayed father against son, and son against father until nothing will atone for the difference but the dagger all dripping with human gore; he has gone into neighborhoods where peace and harmony reigned and scattered the firebrands of discord, strife and bitter hatred; he has opened the fountains of sorrow in the widow's heart, and caused the helpless orphan to pitifully cry for bread. The rich and opulent accustomed to all that wealth and position can give, living in palatial buildings, are by his cruel hands dragged from pleasant abodes and crowded into miserable dens of poverty and vice; he takes the orator from the rostrum, the statesman from the hall, the lawyer from the bar, the doctor from the patient and consigns them to a grave of oblivion; he essays to put his foot upon the neck of Christ's Church and wring from His holy altar the tears of sorrow and pain. Oh! cruel enemy, that would rob this beautiful earth of the noblest part of God's creation and consign it to caverns of hopeless ruin.

Prohibition, we think, is the only means by which this wholesale ruin can be averted. Then let every lover of God and humanity rally to the work and never flag in their efforts until victory shall perch upon their banner.

APPENDIX B

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Home and State Missions submit the following:

As Baptists and as Christians it is our indispensable duty to contribute liberally of the means with which God has blessed us to the support of these grand enterprises. We have no means of knowing how much has been contributed by the churches of our Association to the support of our Missionaries during the past year, but are satisfied that more is being done in this direction, especially in the support of State Missions, than in any of our other benevolent enterprises, and yet we feel that we are not discharging our whole duty in this respect. And while great success has attended the efforts of our Missionaries and they have been made the instruments in the hands of God in winning many souls for the Master. Yet the destitution in these fields is great, and while we are neglecting our duty, thousands are perishing for the bread of life.

Dear brethren these things are not as they should be.

Let us therefore contribute more liberally of our means during the coming year to these great objects and let us lay by us in store as the Lord prospers us that we may have to contribute, and let us pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into the vineyard for the Harvest truly is great but the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRYOR.

M. C. ALLEN.

E. BRITT.

APPENDIX C

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great commission is "Go teach all nations." "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." We are debtors both to the Jews and Greeks, both to the wise and the unwise." So then as much as in us is, we should preach the Gospel to every creature, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. The Gospel field "is the world." Wide as the world is Christ's command, (to preach the Gospel.) Broad as eternity his love, (for sinners.)

Firm as a rock his truth (the Gospel) shall stand. When roll-

ing years shall cease to move." We see from reports from the Foreign Mission Field that the work is progressing finely everywhere, except in China, there it has been hindered by war and persecution, though the out-look is better now. We see also from reports from our Foreign Missionaries that there were 167 baptised in the Foreign fields last year. Brethren, this is a great work accomplished for Christ. Many of the Churches, Associations and States are increasing their contributions for the progress and success of this glorious work, should we not do like-wise. The nations of the earth are open for the reception of the Gospel. The cry is from all parts "come over and help us." Many are receiving the Truth with gladness. And the Gospel is being preached in all the world as a witness to all nations. Shall we not heed the indications of an Alwise God in opening up the way for the Gospel; shall we not hear the cry of the Heathen for help; shall we not join in with our prayers and contributions to give the glorious Gospel of the blessed God to the perishing nations of the earth; God grant that we may. For.

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted,

By wisdom from on high,

Shall we, to men benighted,

The lamp of life deny."

We have in the Foreign Mission work 55 American Missionaries, and some 50 native assistants. There is great need and much room for more laborers brethren. We have the men, and we have the means. We should consecrate them to God for the salvation of the heathen nations of the world.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. HICKS.

JAMES DENTON.

A. C. BALL.

APPENDIX D

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We your Committee on Periodicals submit the following report: We recommend the Baptist Record published in Jackson Miss. It gives weekly information of our denominational movements especially of our work in Mississippi. It is our paper and we heartily recommend it to all baptist. We also mention the For

eign Mission Journal and Kind Words as worthy of claiming our patronage.

Respectfully submitted.

I. P. TROTTER,
J. R. FREEMAN.

APPENDIX E
NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: S. M. Cole to preach the Introductory Sermon, and T. N. Lusk Alternate.

J. R. SHAW, Chairman.

APPENDIX F
REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

- Bethany*—In good condition.
- Concord*—The condition of this church is very cold.
- County Line*—We desire your prayers.
- Double Springs*—We have closed a meeting of days and are revived.
- Fellowship*—Is at peace with each other.
- Hebron*—We have just closed a meeting and God blessed us.
- Greensboro*—Continue to pray for us that God may still bless us.
- Harmony*—The Lord has blessed us we ask your prayers.
- Midway*—Has had a revival and is much revived.
- Mt. Pleasant*—In a cold condition.
- Milligan Springs*—This church is much revived.
- Mt. Pelier*—The Lord has blessed us.
- Mt. Vernon*—The spiritual condition is not good.
- New Liberty*—We are at peace.
- Philadelphia*—Remember us at a throne of grace.
- Pleasant Grove, (C)*—God has blessed us though yet in trouble.
- Pleasant Grove, (M)*—We are at peace.
- Pleasant Grove, (G)*—God has blessed us.
- Pleasant Hill*—We are much revived.
- Providence*—We are in a cold condition.
- Bluff Springs*—In a cold condition.
- Shiloh*—In a luke warm condition.
- Spring Hill*—This church is greatly revived.
- Spring Creek*—We are at peace.
- Walthall*—Is much revived.

No report as to the condition of the other churches.

A. N. BURNS,

Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

The fearful monster of free and unrestrained whiskey has become familiar to us all; his deeds have not been covered up, he has not lived in a corner, and he still stalks abroad mantled in the garb of hellish deception; practising his fraudulent avocation on every class of society. He has nipped the bud of youthful promise and stamped it under his arrogant feet; he has stolen the bloom of youth, happiness and health from the fair maiden's cheek, and then hissed a hiss of defiance against those who would work a reformation for the objects of his cruel touch. He has walked the thoroughfares of life, making hideous with curses and blasphemies the abode of man; he has dared to step between the youthful hearts of the happy wedded pair, who before the sacred altar had solemnly pledged their mutual love and changed that love into gall; he has arrayed father against son, and son against father until nothing will atone for the difference but the dagger all dripping with human gore; he has gone into neighborhoods where peace and harmony reigned and scattered the firebrands of discord, strife and bitter hatred; he has opened the fountains of sorrow in the widow's heart, and caused the helpless orphan to pitifully cry for bread. The rich and opulent accustomed to all that wealth and position can give, living in palatial buildings, are by his cruel hands dragged from pleasant abodes and crowded into miserable dens of poverty and vice; he takes the orator from the rostrum, the statesman from the hall, the lawyer from the bar, the doctor from the patient, and consigns them to a grave of oblivion; he essays to put his foot upon the neck of Christ's Church and wring from His holy altar the tears of sorrow and pain. Oh! cruel enemy, that would rob this beautiful earth of the noblest part of God's creation and consign it to caverns of hopeless ruin.

Prohibition, we think, is the only means by which this wholesale ruin can be averted. Then let every lover of God and humanity rally to the work and never sag in their efforts until victory shall peach upon their banner.

[13]

Be it resolved by this Association, now assembled in holy convocation, That we hail with delight the grand success of many counties in establishing prohibition within their borders.

That we will give our time, talents and prayers for its success.

That we heartily endorse the bold and fearless stand taken by our State paper, the Baptist Record.

J. P. THOMPSON, Chairman

APPENDIX H

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-Schools take pleasure in reporting this cause in a progressive condition.

We would recommend that every church organize and strive to keep an efficient Sabbath-School the entire year. Some will say that it cannot be done. The objectors are generally the persons who never try. If we could realize the worth of souls there would be a greater effort on our part to interest the child in the truths of the Bible. The religious training of the children is too largely neglected by the heads of families who feel that no responsibility is resting on them.

Parents should wake up from this state of lethargy and instead of saying to their children go to Sunday-School, say, come and let us go.

It being a field in which all can work, no christian should wish to be exempt from this duty.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. LUSK,

W. A. HAYS,

J. L. ARNOLD.

APPENDIX I

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, the Committee on ministerial education, beg leave to make the following report.

The first thing to consider is, Has a man a call to preach the gospel of Christ, being satisfied of that. Then the next thing is—is he in a condition to accomplish the greatest good in his calling, and has he a common good English education, and then is he fully impressed, as to his duty, and field of labor, if so then it be-

Query—Is it right for Christians to indulge in the habitual use of tobacco?

The brethren who were assigned subjects to write on, and failed to do so, are requested to have them ready for the next meeting.

Essays:—Is there any scriptural authority for requiring an experience of Grace before Baptism? A. B. Hicks.

What per cent of our income should be given for the spread of the Gospel? J. L. Arnold.

Is Baptism in any way essential to salvation? B. A. Kelley.

What is the duty of the churches to their pastors, and the pastor to his church. T. N. Ross.

Does the Bible teach the righteous and the wicked are all to appear at a general judgement at the same time and place, J. C. Fennell.

Is it right for us to invite ministers into our stands that preach doctrine for which we would exclude a member? A. C. Ball.

Adjourned to meet at appointed time and place.

T. H. Middleton, Moderator.

W. T. Gwin, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

Next meeting to be held with Milligan Springs church, Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July or August, A. D. 1887. Elder B. Watson to preach the introductory sermon. M. C. Allen, Alternate.

Essays—Is Faith the gift of God or the act of the creature.

T. H. Wilson.

When was the church visible first set up? What were her ordinances, and when were they given to her?

J. P. Thompson.

Did Christ die for every one, if so in what sense?

P. J. Lusk.

comes the imperative duty of his brethren, just as far as possible to unloose him from every hindrance and permit him to go out and preach the gospel wherever God in his Providence may direct him. But when a man is thus called, and is deficient at least in an English education, it thus becomes our duty, and we ought to realize it, to aid in helping all such to procure just such acquirements, as will enable them to do the most good and be the most successful in their gracious calling. And we do think, that if we as professed followers of Christ, were fully consecrated to His service, that we would all be so impressed as to our duty that there would never be any lack in the performance of it. And that we may all know and do our duty to our God and each other is the prayer of your Committee.

G. W. HOWARD.

APPENDIX J

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee report as follows:

We have received the following sums to-wit:

For Minutes.....\$47 60

" State Missions.....32 35

" Foreign Missions, including to-days collection.....30 70

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct and recommend that it be published in the minutes.

The churches have sent up during the last year for the various missions, the following:

Mississippi College &c.....\$219 80

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SKELTON,

S. G. HUNTER,

W. A. HAYS.

REPORT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

The Eastern District convened with County Line church on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1886. Eld. T. H. Middleton Elected Moderator, and W. T. Gwin Clerk. Next meeting to be held with the Fellowship church on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1887. Eld. G. H. Duke to preach the Introductory Sermon. T. H. Middleton alternate.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Post OFFICE.	PASTOR.	days	pastors salary	foreign mission	home mission	minutes	total	died	exclud'd	dismiss'd	restored	Baptism	by letter
Antioch	Clay	Pine Bluff	J. F. Mitchell	2	\$ 80 00	\$ 4 00	\$14 00	\$1 50	41	2	4	1	1	1	1
Bethel	Calhoun	Sabouga	T. H. Wilson	1	80 00	12 40	4 00	1 50	122	4	3	4	41	2	1
Bethany	Calhoun	Slate Springs	T. H. Wilson	1	100 00		110 40	3 50	220	3	3	1	1	18	10
Bluff Springs	Webster	Walthall		1		4 30		1 30		3	4				
Cross Roads	Webster	Cumbarland		1											
Chestnut Springs	Calhoun	Bentley		3											
County Line	Webster	Cumbarland	TH Middleton	3						2		4			
Concord	Webster	Embry	MC Allen	4	62			1 00	62			1		5	
Double Springs	Webster	Spring Creek	GH Duke	4	31		2 25	1 00	31	4	4	1		5	
Fellowship	Webster	Bellefontaine	AB Hick	4	48			1 00	48	1	2	2		2	
Greensboro	Webster	Greensboro	BB Hughey	2	100		8 40	2 50	100	3	3	3		13	
Harmony	Montgomery	Alva	TN Lusk	2	103		3 00	1 50	103	1	1	10		10	
Hebron	Webster	Walthall	TH Wilson	4	25			1 00	25	2	2	20		1	
Midway	Calhoun	Atlanta	SM Cole	4	89		13 75	1 85	201	2	2	10		4	
Mt. Vernon	Webster	Greensboro	B Watson	4	87			1 00	64	4	2	2		12	
Miligan Springs	Webster	Mayfield	JN Fennell	3	64			1 00	64	1	1	9		1	
Mt. Pelier	Clay	Cumbarland	JF Mitchell	2	80			1 35	80	1	1	6		4	
Muller	Montgomery	Loth	AH Booth	1	72			2 00	72	1	1	13		1	
Mt. Pleasant	Webster	Cumbarland	TH Middleton	1	35			1 00	35						
Mt. Zion	Webster	Walthall	B Watson	1	60			1 00	60	1	6	3		1	
New Liberty	Montgomery	Loth	J P Thompson	4	93	3 05		2 00	93		3	3		1	
Philadelphia	Webster	Cadaretta	TH Wilson	4	128	1 00		2 00	128	3	2	16		6	
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Atlanta	AB Hicks	3	192			2 00	192	1	1	8		2	
Pleasant Grove	Grenada	Williamsville	TN Lusk	1	55			2 00	55	1	1	6		2	
Pleasant Grove	Montgomery	Winona	AH Booth	1	50			2 00	50			7		1	
Pleasant Hill	Calhoun	State Springs	CE Murphee	2	64		14 75	1 15	64						
Providence	Calhoun	Benela	SM Cole	2	43			1 50	43	3	1	9		1	
Shiloh	Montgomery	Loth	AB Hicks	3	82			2 00	82		3	2		2	
Spring Hill	Calhoun	Hopewell	SM Cole	3	125		6 15	2 25	125			6		6	
Spring Valley	Webster	Spring Valley	JF Michel	3	47			60	47			1			
Spring Creek	Webster	Spring Creek	AB Hicks	4	37			1 00	37						
Sabouga	Webster	Sabouga		3											
Union	Webster	Greensboro		3											
Walthall	Webster	Walthall	J P Thompson	1	49			2 00	49	1	2	4		3	

20 1902

